

12 AMERICANS SLAIN; 17 WERE CAPTURED

In the Battle of Carrizal Yesterday, According to the Official Announcement By the Mexican Consulate at El Paso, While 14 Mexicans Were Killed and 30 Wounded—American Commander Was Slain

WOUNDED AMERICANS TAKEN AWAY BY COMRADES

Doubt Exists As to Which Side Started the Bloody Encounter, But General Gonzales Claims That the Americans Were Responsible For the Clash by Firing at a Courier

El Paso, Texas, June 22.—The Americans lost 12 dead, including their commander, and 17 prisoners, while 14 Mexicans were killed and 30 were wounded in the battle of Carrizal yesterday, according to official announcement by the Mexican consulate, which said that complete details had been received from Villa Ahumada. The Americans removed their wounded with them. The American commander's name is not known. The bodies of the American dead were counted as they lay on the battlefield.

The Americans engaged are thought to have been members of a troop from the 10th cavalry, a negro regiment, returning from a scouting trip to Guzman.

The size of the Mexican force, whose commander, General Felix Gomez, was killed, is not known.

News of the battle was received in Juarez early yesterday afternoon by General Francisco Gonzales, Carranza commander of the military zone of the border. For some reason General Gonzales kept the story secret until late in the afternoon when an American, J. C. Hubble, returning to the border from the interior, brought to El Paso the news that he had seen numbers of Mexican dead along the Mexican Central railroad tracks at Villa Ahumada, and had been told that there had been an encounter.

General Gonzales' first step after confirming the news was to issue a statement placing the blame on the American commander. He charged that the American troops fired first on the Mexicans, and that their shots were directed at a courier who had just presented to them a request that they retire.

American army officers declared absolute disbelief in General Gonzales' assertions. The opinion was expressed that if the Americans fired on the Mexicans they did so because it was necessary in order to insure their own safety. General Trevino's recent warning to General Pershing not to send his troops east, south or west of their positions was recalled.

Excitement spread in El Paso as extras were issued and the news became known. Quiet was maintained, however, in view of General Bell's frequent admonitions that his soldiers could take care of any situation that might arise. While awaiting instructions from headquarters at San Antonio, General Bell kept his entire force in readiness for instant action.

In the meantime, however, word came from Juarez that all was quiet, although the news of the battle was widespread there.

According to General Gonzales he was informed by General Gomez at Villa Ahumada Tuesday night of the presence of the Americans westward from Villa Ahumada and El Valle. He says he immediately instructed General Gomez to proceed to Santo Domingo ranch, where the Americans were reported in "unknown force" and advise their commander to retire to their camp.

This, he says, General Gomez did yesterday morning. The American commander, whose name was not given by General Gomez, is said to have replied that he was instructed to proceed to Villa Ahumada and must do so.

The statement issued by the Juarez commander reads:

"Immediately upon learning of the presence of the American troops in the vicinity of Carrizal, General Felix Gomez dispatched a messenger with a request that the American commander withdraw his camp. When the American troops remained motionless, he sent a second messenger with a request that the American troops after he had delivered his message. The Americans immediately moved forward and attacked General Gomez' command.

"All the prisoners admitted that the blame should be put on the American commander for having ordered the attack. The prisoners were sent to Chihuahua City with the customary protection."

Whichever side began the engagement, the Mexicans had the advantage, for they had provided themselves with a machine gun and this is supposed to have done deadly execution in the ranks of the Americans. That the latter were not inefficient, however, was proved by the number of Mexican dead and wounded removed to Villa Ahumada and witnessed by Americans coming north on a train bound for Juarez.

Battle Lasted an Hour.

The battle began about 10:30 a. m. and lasted not more than an hour. It apparently ended with both sides withdrawing.

A story brought to El Paso by J. C. Hubble, an American, who has been employed by the Compania Agraria at Bu-

quillas, bears out several of the details of the engagement presented by General Gomez. Hubble's story was corroborated by James Maxey, another American, who also was on his way to El Paso from the interior. Hubble and Maxey said that while their train was stopping at Villa Ahumada they noticed numbers of dead and wounded being brought in and were told by a Carranza captain that a battle had taken place. The captain informed them, they said, that a number of American prisoners had been locked in a cattle car and were to be taken to Chihuahua City to be hanged.

They mentioned Mexican soldiers who told them that several hundred Americans and 120 Mexicans had been engaged. "The Mexican officers at Villa Ahumada treated us with the greatest courtesy," said Mr. Hubble. "They answered our questions quietly and with no show of antipathy or excitement."

"According to the story they told us, the Mexican command was concealed in the underbrush when it discovered the American cavalrymen riding toward them over the sand. General Felix Gomez, the Mexican commander, immediately sent a courier asking for a parley under a flag of truce with the American commander. The parley was arranged and as the Mexican leader and two aides started forward the Americans suddenly deployed in a semi-circular skirmish line.

"General Gomez, apparently believing he was about to be attacked, raised his arm and signalled a machine gun in the rear to open fire on the Americans. The machine gun swept the cavalry ranks, causing heavy losses.

"Immediately, however, a detachment of American troopers dashed forward under heavy fire, to the center of the field, where General Gomez and his staff were sitting on their horses. In the resultant encounter one of the cavalrymen killed the Mexican leader with his pistol, while the remainder of the Carranza party escaped to their own lines."

Hubble and Maxey said that some of the Mexicans openly boasted that the Americans had been drawn into an ambush.

At General Gomez' headquarters a victory for Mexico was being claimed. The scene in the front room of the commandancia, where the younger officers were gathered, was holiday-like. Several of them, speaking of the battle, said, "We won."

JUAREZ WAS QUIET THIS MORNING

There Was No General Movement Toward Evacuation and Cars Were Running Over International Line.

El Paso, Texas, June 22.—At 8 o'clock this morning a large part of the Carranza garrison appeared still to be in Juarez. It was stated over the telephone that all was quiet and that there was no general movement toward evacuation. Street cars continued crossing the line today.

PROBABLY CAPT. L. S. MOREY

Was in Command of Americans in Carrizal Fight.

Columbus, N. M., June 22.—Captain Lewis S. Morey of the 10th cavalry is reported to have been in command of the detachment of Americans in the Carrizal fight.

WILL SUPPORT HUGHES

Says Dr. H. Nelson Jackson, After Attending Conference with Roosevelt.

Dr. H. Nelson Jackson, Vermont committeeman of the Progressive party, who returned yesterday from a conference with Roosevelt and other leaders of the party, revealed the report that Col. Roosevelt in his declaration to the committee at Chicago June 26 will decline to accept the Progressive nomination for president. Dr. Jackson gave it as his opinion that the Progressives will officially endorse Hughes for president.

BAY STATE TROOPS MUSTERED IN SOON

But Lieut. Col. Buck Says They Will Not Be Ready for Several Days—Will Move Next Week.

Framingham, Mass., June 22.—Lieutenant Colonel Buck of the United States army, on special detail here, announced today that the work of mustering the Massachusetts state militia into the federal army would not begin for several days and it is now expected the troops will not move until the first of next week.

GREECE SIDES WITH THE ENTENTE POWERS

She Agrees to a General Demobilization and the Removal of Athens Chief of Police.

Athens, via London, June 22.—Greece has accepted unconditionally the demands made by the entente powers, the decision being communicated to the French legation by Premier Zaimis, to whom the formation of the cabinet is reported to be entrusted. The demands, according to the newspapers, called for a complete general demobilization, the removal of the Athens chief of police, the popular pro-entente sentiment not to be suppressed, and the deportation of agents spreading the German propaganda.

Former Premier Zaimis agreed today to attempt to form a cabinet to deal with the situation arising from the presentation of the entente powers' demands.

GERMANS CAPTURED FRONT LINE TRENCHES

Gained Success Between Fumin Wood and Chenois in Verdun Sector—Attacks South of Dead Man's Hill Put Down.

Paris, June 22.—After violent attacks lasting all night, the Germans captured the front line of trenches between Fumin wood and Chenois in the Verdun sector. The Germans attacked in force on both banks of the Meuse. After a heavy bombardment, an attack on the south slope of Dead Man's hill was checked by grenade attachments, according to official statements.

VERMONT DIOCESE ENDS CONVENTION

Votes in Favor of General Pension Fund Instead of Local Pension Funds—Women Are to Be Allowed to Vote in Parish Meetings.

Sessions of the Vermont Episcopal diocese convention were concluded at noon today and delegates left Montpelier for their respective homes. The convention labored from 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until late in the evening, stopping an hour for dinner and routine business. The reading and accepting of committee reports was transacted today.

Considerable time was consumed yesterday in discussion of the question of whether women should be allowed to vote in parish meetings, the convention finally deciding that they should have equal rights and should be eligible to hold parish offices, the canon being amended to that effect.

Bishop Coadjutor George Y. Bliss of Burlington read the report of the special committee appointed two years ago to consider the matter of a general pension fund for retired clergy and much time was devoted to the several questions involved in the report. Mr. Mason of New York office explained the proposed plan which will do away with local pension funds and establish a national fund. The convention accepted the report and voted in favor of the change. The matter has been referred to all dioceses in the country and none have rejected the proposition.

Bishop Hall, in addition to his charge, gave his annual address yesterday afternoon, summing up briefly the changes which have occurred during the year. The following clergy and laymen were elected deputies to the national convention to be held at St. Louis in October: Rev. Walter C. Bernard of Newport, Rev. A. C. Wilson of Bellows Falls, S. W. Himes of Burlington, Marvella C. Webster of Rutland, Rev. F. B. Leach of Montpelier, Rev. H. P. Scratch of Poulinville, Frank G. Howland of Barre and Dr. E. L. Wyman of Manchester.

TO HOLD LEAGUE MEETING.

With Proposal to Organize Baseball Circuit in Vermont.

Burlington, June 22.—A telegram which came last night from the secretary of the proposed Vermont Baseball league announces that Montpelier and Barre will send each two representatives to a meeting to be held at the Hotel Vermont to-morrow night for the purpose of arranging a schedule, organizing the league, and closing up other preparations for summer baseball. The local committee backing the plan hope that St. Albans, Middlebury, Rutland, Plattsburgh, and possibly St. Johnsbury, which has been suggested by Montpelier, will also send representatives.

NEW ASST. SUPT., C. V.

G. W. Groom Promoted from Office of Chief Dispatcher.

St. Albans, June 22.—A circular issued this morning from the office of the Central Vermont railroad, announced that G. W. Groom has been appointed assistant superintendent with an office at St. Albans to succeed J. F. Keefe who resigned. The circular also announced that E. T. Buck has been appointed chief dispatcher at St. Albans, filling the vacancy made by the promotion of G. W. Groom. The office of assistant superintendent has been abolished.

TODRAFT MILITIA IN ARMY

Is Plan of the Administration Now and a Resolution to That Effect Will Be Presented to the House To-morrow by Chairman Hay of the Military Committee

NO NEW ORDERS SENT TO GEN. FUNSTON

Secretary Baker Says It Is Not Decided Whether Another Punitive Expedition Will Be Sent into Mexico to Pursue the Mexicans Concerned in the Clash at Carrizal

Washington, D. C., June 22.—Secretary of War Baker went to the White House early today with dispatches from General Funston, giving information from Mexican sources regarding the fight between Americans and Carranza troops near Carrizal yesterday in which 17 Americans were reported killed and 40 captured. Later Secretary Baker said that no orders had been sent to Funston and that no new orders would be sent until an account from the American officers had been received. He would not say whether a punitive expedition would be ordered to pursue the Mexicans who attacked the Americans.

A resolution authorizing the president to draft the National Guardsmen willing to take the federal oath immediately in the regular army under the terms of the new army bill was submitted by Secretary Baker to Chairman Hay of the House military committee. Chairman Hay said he would call it up to-morrow and press for immediate action.

The telegraph wires were kept hot with inquiries to the various governors, seeking reports about the number of Guardsmen mobilized and available for immediate service.

At the White House it was said that the president's policy was unchanged for the present at least and that Wilson has no intention of sending before Congress immediately. No clear view of the Carrizal fight was obtainable but the stories indicate that the Americans were trapped or ambushed and suffered their chief losses from machine gun fire. There were no efforts to conceal the anxiety felt over the situation which has brought war with Mexico so close that officials say any hour may see the conflict in full swing.

A discussion of the Mexican situation was precipitated in the Senate today by Senator Works of California, who called up a resolution to authorize intervention. He had it read and gave notice that unless the foreign relations committee acted soon he would move to take the matter out of its hands.

MEXICANS BEGIN THEIR EXCUSES

They Thought the American Detachment Intended to Attack Town of Carrizal—Also Think American Commander Was Impudent.

Washington, D. C., June 22.—Eliso Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designated, called on Secretary of State Lansing today and asked for an explanation of the action of the American troops in approaching the town of Carrizal. Official Mexican dispatches were described to Lansing, indicating that the Mexicans thought the Americans intended to take the town.

Arredondo said he called Lansing's attention to the distance traversed by the Americans from their base and what he called the lack of prudence of the American commander in approaching the Mexican railway. He said his report showed 17 Mexicans were captured but did not give any casualties.

BARRE GARAGE CORPORATION

Files Articles of Incorporation with \$15,000 Capital Stock.

The Barre Garage Corporation, Inc., of Barre, has filed articles of association with the secretary of state, having capital stock of \$15,000. The subscribers are E. A. Brown, Morton H. McAllister and George Kent. Articles have also been filed by the St. Albans council, Knights of Columbus' Home association, with capital stock of \$5,000. There are nine subscribers and the corporation purposes to purchase and hold real estate.

HELD FOR ASSAULT.

Frank Larrow, Charged with Attacking His Stepfather at Pittsfield.

Pittsfield, June 22.—Frank Larrow, 45 years old, is in custody here for an alleged assault with a club yesterday morning upon Walter White, 35, on the Wardell place, about two miles from this village, after a quarrel over money. The man's injuries are not fatal. White married Larrow's mother. Constable O. A. Efield will take Larrow today to the county jail in Rutland.

VERMONT MOBILIZED AT STATE GROUND

Troops of National Guard Were Mobilized Near Fort Ethan Allen To-day, Many of the Companies Having Arrived by Special Trains

NORWICH CADETS WILL ARRIVE SATURDAY

Company B of St. Albans Was One of the First to Arrive at the Grounds and Was Followed Soon by Company A of Rutland

Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, June 22.—The Vermont National Guard mobilized at the state camp ground today. Most of the companies arrived by train early in the morning. Company B of St. Albans was one of the first to report on the ground. Company A of Rutland was transported in seven cars attached to the regular train. Company D of St. Johnsbury arrived in seven cars which also were attached to a regular train. Companies I of Brattleboro, E of Bellows Falls and K of Springfield came by special train. Company L of Newport had seven cars and came by regular train via Montpelier. A special train brought Companies F of Northfield and H of Montpelier.

The cadets from Norwich university will reach the state camp ground Saturday, coming by special train.

ROUSING SEND-OFF GIVEN COMPANY H

Thousands of People Turned Out to Witness Departure of the Company for the State Camp Ground.

Several thousand people assembled on the streets in Montpelier today to witness the departure of Company H for the state camp ground. The company lined up in front of the city hall and when called to attention were addressed by Fred A. Howland, president of the National Life Insurance company. Mr. Howland outlined briefly the record of Vermont soldiers in the various wars in which the country has participated and expressed the hope that the events will so shape themselves that the Vermont boys will not this time be asked to go into actual conflict. He pledged to the members of the company the support of those left behind who are dependent upon the soldiers.

Then the procession formed for the march to the station. The Montpelier Military band headed it and next to them came Brooks post, G. A. R. of Montpelier, numbering about 20 veterans. Several hundred citizens followed and at the rear came Company H swinging along at a healthy stride. On arrival at the station the band played and a chorus of a score or more sang a song which had been improvised for the occasion. The song was entitled "On to Mexico." There was cheering as the train pulled out promptly at 12 o'clock.

Lieutenant Colonel F. B. Thomas of the Vermont National Guard accompanied the company and will take command of the camp at Fort Ethan Allen until the arrival of Colonel Reeves, who was detained at Northfield by the Norwich commencement. The Montpelier company carried a full quota of 65 men, but Lieutenant Paine was left behind to continue recruiting up to the full war strength of 150 men.

Old Company E Boys Present.

A party of old Company E, Vermont National Guard, which went to the Spanish war in 1898, went from Barre to Montpelier today to give a send-off to the members of Company H who left for the state camp ground. The '98 veterans went in flag-decked automobiles.

FLAG FELL AT NORTHFIELD.

But Fortunately No One Was Injured by the Pole.

Northfield, June 22.—Before entraining for Fort Ethan Allen today Company F was addressed from the band stand by Capt. J. L. Moseley and ex-Congressman Frank Plimley. At the close of Mr. Plimley's talk the militia marched around the common to music furnished by the Northfield Cornet band. They were escorted also by the Grand Army veterans.

What came near being a serious accident resulted as the company reached the south corner of the park. A large flagpole broke at its base and with no warning toppled over, falling between the marchers and the crowd assembled to give the boys a royal send-off. No one was injured.

JOINS YALE BATTERY.

Frank Corry of Montpelier Is in Connecticut National Guard.

Frank Corry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Corry of Montpelier, and a student at Yale university, has joined the Yale battery of the Connecticut National Guard. He wired his parents for permission to join yesterday and was allowed to do so.

MORE RECRUITS WANTED.

Col. Reeves Emphasized Need of 140 New Enlistments in Cavalry Troops.

Northfield, June 22.—Col. Reeves, president of Norwich university, announced today that the cavalry detachment at Northfield must receive 140 new recruits.

once. It is especially desired that college or high school graduates make application for enlistment. One troop of mounted cadets will leave to-morrow morning for Fort Ethan Allen and the remainder will start on Saturday; it is expected.

MILITIAMAN GETS THREAT.

Later He Gets Permit to Carry Revolver in Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls, June 22.—Antonia Moraski, a member of Co. E, First Vermont infantry, yesterday received two black hand letters which have been turned over to Postmaster D. H. Cray. Postal officials will investigate the matter. The letters, which contained a sheet of paper upon which was rudely drawn a skull and cross-bones, were postmarked Webster, Mass., and Bellows Falls. Moraski believes he knows who sent the letters.

Upon receipt of the letters Private Moraski sought the chief of police and secured permission to carry a revolver that he might be in position to defend himself if occasion should arise.

CO. B HAD 84.

Left St. Albans with Eight More Men Than in 1898.

St. Albans, June 22.—Company B of this city left this morning for the state camp ground with 84 officers and men, a number eight greater than when it left in 1898 for the Spanish war.

SHOWED EXCELLENT TRAINING.

Participants in Goddard Commencement Concert Were Much Applauded.

One of the most anticipated events of commencement week at Goddard is always the concert given by the music departments of the seminary, and never does it fall short of the expectations of those attending. Last night's event was no exception to the rule.

Under the instruction of Miss Lillian Morse, the vocal teacher, Miss Alice Averill and Mrs. Q. K. Hollister, who took Miss Averill's place as teacher of the piano during the latter's enforced absence because of illness, the participants in last night's affair showed a rare mastery of difficult selections, which were rendered by one and all in a manner that reflected great credit on themselves and their instructors. There was a large attendance and well-merited applause was freely given.

The first numbers on the program were two selections by the girls' glee club, "Swing Song" (Lohr) and "Dreaming" (Shelley), after which Miss Amy Cameron rendered "Haymaking" (Needham) in a pleasing manner. That much enjoyed young pianist, Miss Marion Anker, gave a brilliantly executed solo, "Barcarole" (Spreng) and was heard again in the closing number of the evening.

"In My Boat" (Allitson) was the title of a duet finely sung by Misses Helen Kingsland and Mildred Kent. A piano solo, to which it was a real treat to listen, was "Hark! Hark! The Lark" (Schubert), by Miss Edith Virtue, who also rendered a "Folk Dance" (Gade).

James McNabb, who has a voice pleasing in quality, range and power, gave two selections, "Sing, Sing, Birds on the Wing" (Nutting) and "Good Bye" (Tosti), and the audience unanimously pleaded for one more.

In the overture, "Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mendelssohn), Misses Loraine Loranzer and Rachel Hollister were much enjoyed, and they were followed by Miss Helen Kingsland, whose sweet voice seemed particularly adapted to the selections she gave, "The Nightingale and the Rose" (Hawley) and "Norman Cradle Song" (De Koven). A double quartet sang "Voices of the Woods" (Rubinstein, Litcher) and "The Little Dutchman" (Brahms) in a most excellent manner.

Miss Rachel Hollister, whose piano solos are always a rare treat, was at her best in the difficult number, "La Belle Capriciosa" (Hummel). After her came Miss Marion Gove in three charming little vocal solos, "Four-Leaved Clover" (Brownell), "Cobwebs" (Gerrit Smith) and "Caution" (Paul Blaisdell).

A finely rendered and difficult number was "Andante," concerto in G minor (Mendelssohn), by Miss Loraine Loranzer, and she was followed by Miss Mildred Kent, whose vocal solo, "Oh, Dry Those Tears" (Del Riego), proved one of the most enjoyable numbers of the evening.

A fitting close to the program was the duet for two pianos, "Overture to Zampa" (Harold), by Misses Loraine Loranzer and Rachel Hollister.

Edith Virtue, who was finely rendered.

The vocal instructor, Miss Morse, was the accompanist of the evening, and the recital will be looked back upon as one of the most successful ever held on the hill.

CALISTA PRATT EASTMAN

Died This Morning of a General Breaking Down.

Calista Pratt Eastman, wife of the late Merrill Eastman of 143 Washington street, died early this morning of old age and general breakdown. Mrs. Eastman was born in Huntington, March 12, 1829, last of a family of 10 born to Guilford and Polly Terrill Pratt.

She leaves several nephews and nieces among whom are Mary Eastman, with whom she lived, C. L. Currier and wife of this city, Jane Winchester of Essex Junction, and Guilford P. Heath of Northboro, Mass. The funeral will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the house on Washington street. Burial will take place in Hope cemetery.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss Beatrice Lance, a student at Goddard seminary, left this afternoon for her home in Cabot.

Oscar Thompson of the East Barre road was taken to the state hospital at Waterbury in Whitcomb's auto ambulance yesterday and will receive treatment there.

Last evening the undergraduates of the Thompson Memorial gave a supper in the dining room in honor of the graduates of that building. The dining room was attractively decorated and the tables formed a "U". During the supper the guests were entertained by a victrola. After supper toasts were given by Lyman Whitcomb, Miss Ina Gray and Miss Kathleen LeBaron, the latter giving their experiences in teaching, and Mr. Whitcomb giving his experiences at Tufts college. About 24 people were present, including matrons, teachers, students and friends.

"SIX" CLASSES CONSPICUOUS

At the Goddard Seminary Alumni Exercises, Held To-day

PLACES OF PROGRAM ASIGNED THEM

Later the Graduates Went to Hall for Their Annual Dinner

"Six" classes were conspicuous in the annual alumni exercises at Goddard seminary this forenoon, although there was a very representative gathering of graduates from many of the classes that have gone out from the school since the doors first swung open in the early '70's. Classes of 1876, 1886, 1896 and 1906 were out in numbers, and places on the program were plentifully assigned to their representatives. The exercises began at 11 o'clock, but the noon hour was far spent before the alumni program was through and the "old grads" repaired to the hall below for their annual dinner.

Stanley C. Wilson, '96, a Chelsea attorney, was the orator of the day, and contributions to the program were made by Miss Ethel May Hamilton, '00, of Wayland, Mass., and Mrs. Minnie Skinner Allen, '86, of Barre. Weston A. Cate, a member of the class of 1913 and a student in the theological seminary at St. Lawrence university, Canton, N. Y., who is supplying the Universalist churches in North Montpelier and East Montpelier this summer, presided at the exercises and in the absence of the clergyman assigned to the exercises, Mr. Cate led the audience in prayer.

Excellent music was rendered by Cleaves' orchestra of Montpelier, and whenever the musicians sat down to their tasks they were liberally applauded. The opening number was an orchestral salute, "Bells of Normandy" (Wiegand). The invocation followed, and then Mrs. Allen sang "When the Heart Is Young" (Buck). "The Governor of Tennessee" was the title of a reading delivered by Miss Hamilton, who exhibited rare histrionic powers in the interpretation of a difficult piece. Miss Hamilton, as one of the members of the class of 1906 who have been eminently successful in their chosen professions, received a warm welcome.

The "sixes" did well to select Attorney Wilson of Chelsea as their spokesman. In his address, the speaker called up some of the tenderest traditions of his own class, that of 1896, as well as some of the other memories that still linger in more mature graduates of the school on the hill. There were 26 members in 1896, he said, and only two who had passed away. Two members of the 1886 class have died, and those students who were graduated in 1876, one of the earliest of classes, have lost but one of their number, an unusual record. In 1916 there were 25 students who received diplomas, and to-day 24 are living. Mr. Wilson expressed the conviction that the 30 students who comprise the 1916 class are all alive, alive to the value of their opportunity and to the privilege that has been theirs in making Goddard their school home.

"The real value of Goddard," the speaker continued, "becomes more and more apparent to me as the years go on. It grows upon me that the secret of the school's success is its faculty for making the students feel at home. It is a home school in the best sense of the word and may the day never dawn when it be comes so big that the home spirit is lost."

The speaker paid tribute to the high traditions of Goddard in the past, referred to the various improvements to be noted by the alumnus who has not "returned" for several years, and bespoke for the institution a continuance of the "preparedness" policy in educational matters.

Much that Attorney Wilson had to say was well calculated to tickle the risibilities of the occasion, and when he turned a point in a particularly neat way he never lacked for a hearty response in the shape of laughter. In closing, he addressed himself in a more serious fashion and said that he would like to see more alumni teachers living in the school building. The presence of graduates who are in touch with the real school spirit of Goddard would have a splendid influence on the incoming students, he believed. At the close the speaker urged upon his hearers the necessity for continued loyalty to the school and asked that the best traditions of the Goddard of other days may be upheld by the students who are to receive their diplomas to-morrow.

Music by the orchestra followed the address, the musicians contributing a spirited waltz, "Bad'n Mad'n" (Komzak) to the program at this juncture. Miss Hamilton entertained again in a delightful characterization, entitled "How Mrs. Williams Painted Her House." The program closed with the audience singing the school song, "Goddard, All Hail," in unison.

WANTS TO INCREASE STOCK.

People's Gas Company Also Wishes to Issue Mortgage Bonds.

The People's Lighting, Heating & Power company of Barre has applied to the Vermont public service commission for the right to mortgage its corporate property not to exceed \$250,000, and that the net proceeds of the sale of \$200,000 there of be used to refund its existing 6 per cent first mortgage bonds and also for the right to fund a part of its floating debt and make extensions and improvements to the property. The company also asks the right to increase its capital stock by issuing \$30,000 cumulative preferred stock and, incidentally, to change the corporate name to "Barre Gas company."

The public service commission has set July 30, next, at 10:30 a. m. as the date for a hearing on the proposed changes, the hearing to be held in the city court room in Barre.